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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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For: RUBBER COMPOSITION AND HEAVY DUTY PNEUMATIC TIRE USING THE  
RUBBER COMPOSITION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**GROUP 3600**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**The specification is changed as follows:**

**Page 2, last paragraph bridging page 3, delete and insert the following:**

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

a<sup>1</sup>  
The present invention has an object of providing a rubber composition which exhibits improved abrasion resistance, tear resistance and low heat generating property and is advantageously used for tread rubber of heavy duty pneumatic tires, and it is another object to provide a heavy duty pneumatic tire using the rubber composition for tread rubber.